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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 April 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11, 13-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11, 13-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/19/10 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-9, 11, and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Cooper et al (US 2004/0237104 A1) in view of Allport (US 6,104,334). Hereinafter referred as Cooper, and Allport.

Regarding claims 1, 13, and 18, Cooper discloses a picture display system, method and display apparatus including first (**Large Display (14) in figure 1**) and second display devices (**Handheld Personal Digital Assistant (25) in figure 1**) and a

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base device for supplying picture signals to at least said first display device (**Base (26) in figure 1**), wherein said first display device includes a picture display unit for displaying said picture signals supplied from said base device (**PDA (25) in figure 1**); said second display device includes a display unit for displaying transparent display information for operation (**Large Display (14) in figure 1**), for accepting an operating input from a user, operating input accepting means for accepting an operating input from a user (**Remote Control device (12) in figure 1**), operating signal generating means for generating operating signals conforming to display items of said display information for operation (**Generator (13) in figure 1**), as specified by said operating input accepting means, and communication means for transmitting said operating signals to said base device (**Broadcast source (11) in figure 1**); said base device including picture signal outputting means for outputting said picture signals at least to said first display device (**wireless transmitter (24) in figure 1**), communication means for receiving said operating signals at least from said second display device (**USB port (23) in figure 1**), external input device connecting means for connecting the base device to an external input device as a source of supply of said picture signals (**PDA (25) in figure 1**), and control signal transmitting means for transmitting an external input device control signal, controlling said external input device, based on said operating signal, to said external input device (**Tuner Control (17) in figure 1**).

However, Cooper is silent in teaching an interlock/non-interlock function for selecting whether the picture signals supplied to the first display device should be switched in association with display contents of the display information for operation.

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The interlock/non-interlock feature is defined on the specs (page 7 fourth paragraph) as a function to switch the remote control screen on or off in conjunction with the information provided from the television. Allport teaches on **(column 9 lines 6-20)** a welcome screen is first displayed when the device is first turned on. In addition, Allport further discloses on **(column 9 lines 44-56)** the list of alternative screens provides the consumer with the available TV programs, CD titles or songs, radio broadcast, etc. Furthermore, **(figure 5 shows the screenshot of the remote control when controlling a broadcast TV, cable, satellite TV, VCR (column 13 lines 53-55))**. As a result, Allport teaches a system which has a function of displaying the information on the TV screen (as shown on figure 5) or to switch off the video of the tv and present interactive controlling device options as shown on (figure 3). In addition, Allport teaches an operation including a base device selection button and a plurality of additional buttons for switching image modes **(figure 3 shows a list of options which involves switching image modes, such as: pictures (125), music (130), scheduler (135), other (140))**

Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to include the use of an interlock/non-interlock system to present the option to a user to display video signal in a remote control. This is a useful combination because the system will broaden the options to users of controlling multiple devices in a household with only one control.

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Regarding claims 2 and 19, Cooper discloses the picture display system display apparatus according to claims 1 and 18, wherein said operating input accepting means of said second display device includes contact position detection means for detecting a contact position on a display surface of said display unit adapted to be contacted by a user (**Frame Buffer (16) in figure 1**); said operating signal generating means generating an operating signal conforming to a display item of said display information for operation displayed at a contact position on said display image surface detected by said contact position detection means (**Receiver (15) in figure 1**).

Regarding claim 3, Cooper discloses the picture display system according to claim 1, wherein said communication means of said base device transmits at least a response signal to said operating signal to said display device (**Synchronizer (22) in figure 1**); said communication means of said second display device receiving said response signal (**PDA (25) in figure 1**).

Regarding claims 4 and 14, Cooper discloses the picture display system and method according to claims 1 and 13, wherein said base device further includes tuner means (**Tuner Control (17) in figure 1**) and sends picture signals selected by said tuner means based on said operating signal via said picture signal outputting means to said first display device (**Large Display decoder in figure 1**).

Regarding claims 5 and 15, Cooper discloses the picture display system and method according to claims 1 and 13, wherein said first display device further includes tuner means (**Tuner Control (17) in figure 1**) and displays picture signals selected by

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said tuner means based on an operating signal from said base device on said picture display unit (**Frame Buffer (16) in figure 1**).

Regarding claim 6, Cooper discloses the picture display system according to claim 1, wherein said control signal transmitting means of said base device transmits said external input device control signal for said external input device over a wireless route (**Send to wireless device in figure 4**).

Regarding claim 7, Cooper discloses the picture display system according to claim 6, wherein said control signal transmitting means of said base device converts the external input device control signal, transmitted over the wireless path, into infrared signals, which are output (**Send to handheld device via USB port in figure 4**).

Regarding claims 8 and 16, Cooper discloses the picture display system and method according to claims 1 and 13, wherein said base device further includes receiving means connected to a communication network and adapted for receiving information signals transmitted through said communication network (**Synchronizer (22) in figure 1**), and transmission control means for performing control for transmitting said information signals to a specified display device in case said operating signal is a transmission command for transmitting said information signals to said first display device and/or said second display device (**Large Display (14) and PDA (25) in figure 1**).

Regarding claims 9 and 17, Cooper discloses the picture display system and method according to claims 1 and 13, wherein said base device further includes transmission information transmitting means (**wireless transmitter (24) in figure 1**)

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which, in case said operating signal is the transmission information to be sent to a counterpart connected to said base device over said communication network, sends said transmission information over said communication network to the target counterpart **(PDA (25) in figure 1)**.

Regarding claim 11, Cooper discloses The picture display system according to claim 1, wherein said external input device connecting means is connected via an amplifier to said external input device as a source of supply of said image signals **(Receiver (15) in figure 1)**.

Regarding claims 20, Allport discloses the picture display system according to claim 1, wherein the display information includes a switching button **(switch button (125), (130), (135), (140) in figure 3)**, and the picture signal outputting means switches the picture signals when the switching button is activated **(column 12 lines 17-32)**.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRANKLIN S. ANDRAMUNO whose telephone number is (571)270-3004. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs (7:30am - 5:00pm) alternate Fri off (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on (571)272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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